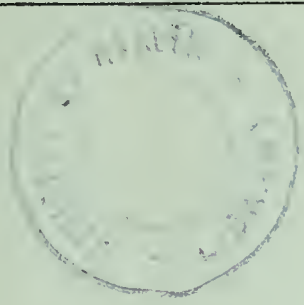


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To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Councils of Ellesmere, Wem and Whitchurch, and of the Rural Districts of Ellesmere and Wem.

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the Five Districts for the year 1965.

The first part of the work, as usual, deals with Vital Statistics. There were 381 deaths in the area during 1965, which is an increase of 14 on 1964. Births for the combined area were 533, which is a decrease of 4 on 1964, but births outnumbered deaths by 152.

The estimated population of the area, however, shows an increase of 440.

Illegitimate Births and Still Births still show a percentage much lower than the national figures for England and Wales. During the last year there has been a decrease in both these figures.

The Infant Mortality rate is 17.0 which is below the national figure of 19.0.

There were no Maternal deaths during the year.

In the table showing the causes of death—the largest single group of deaths is that attributable to heart disease—particularly that due to Coronary disease and Angina.

Infectious Disease Section—there have only been minor outbreaks, chiefly of Measles, and these have not produced any special problems.

The second part of the report shows the individual reports on the sanitary circumstances of each District Council by their Public Health Inspectors. These reports show conditions in these areas are very satisfactory, and a great deal of credit goes to the high standard of work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors.

The County Council provide for the care of Mothers and Young Children ; Midwifery ; Health Visiting ; Home Nursing ; Vaccination and Immunisation ; Ambulance Services ; Prevention of Illness ; Care and After-care, including Mental Welfare ; Domestic Help ; and Inspection of Children's Nurseries.

All the services, both local and county, call for a great deal of co-operation between the individual members of the Staffs, and the fact that conditions in the areas are very good, shows that this co-operation is very satisfactory.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

S. SMITH

Medical Officer of Health



## GENERAL STATISTICS, 1965

The following are the general statistics for the different districts in the area:—

### ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres .....	1,220
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	2,370
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1965 .....	811
Rateable Value 1st April, 1965 .....	£76,547
Sum represented by a penny rate 1965/66 .....	£324

### WEM URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres .....	903
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	2,800
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1965 .....	1,005
Rateable Value 1st April, 1965 .....	£99,077
Sum represented by a penny rate 1965/66 .....	£367

### WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres .....	6,053
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	7,230
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1965 .....	2,388
Rateable Value 1st April, 1965 .....	£253,892
Sum represented by a penny rate 1965/66 .....	£1,018

### ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres .....	48,253
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	7,460
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1965 .....	2,120
Rateable Value 1st April, 1965 .....	£161,644
Sum represented by a penny rate 1965/66 .....	£664

### WEM RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres .....	60,343
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	12,110
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1965 .....	3,410
Rateable Value 1st April, 1965 .....	£324,993
Sum represented by a penny rate 1965/66 .....	£1,310

VITAL STATISTICS

	E/mere U.D.	Wem U.D.	W/church U.D.	E/mere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Live Births—Number .....	51	56	101	121	204
Rate per 1,000 Population .....	21.5	20.0	14.0	16.2	18.8
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births .....	7.8	3.6	2.0	3.3	5.9
Stillbirths—Number .....	1	1	0	4	2
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births .....	19.2	17.5	0	32.0	9.7
Total Live and Still Births .....	52	57	101	125	206
Infant Deaths .....	0	2	1	2	4
Infant Mortality Rates—					
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .....	0	35.7	9.9	16.5	19.6
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .....	0	37.0	10.1	8.5	20.8
Illegitimate Infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....	0	0	0	25.0	0
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate .....	0	0	9.9	8.3	4.9
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate .....	0	0	9.9	8.3	4.9
Perinatal Mortality Rate .....	0	17.5	9.9	32.0	14.6
Maternal Mortality					
Number of Deaths .....	0	0	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births .....	0	0	0	0	0

POPULATION

The excess of Births over deaths in the combined districts totalled 152.

Districts	Estimated Mid-Year Population			Difference
	1963	1964	1965	
Ellesmere Urban .....	2,320	2,360	2,370	+ 10
Wem Urban.....	2,630	2,750	2,800	+ 50
Whitchurch Urban .....	7,160	7,170	7,230	+ 60
Ellesmere Rural .....	7,630	7,380	7,460	+ 80
Wem Rural .....	11,720	11,870	12,110	+ 240
Total .....	31,460	31,530	31,970	+ 440

BIRTHS

(a) Live Births—The Live Birth Rate for England and Wales was 18.1.

Districts	No. of Live Births, 1965			Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Birth Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban .....	31	20	51	21.5	23.9
Wem Urban .....	30	26	56	20.0	22.2
Whitchurch Urban .....	56	45	101	14.0	15.3
Ellesmere Rural .....	63	58	121	16.2	17.0
Wem Rural .....	100	104	204	16.8	17.5
Combined Districts .....	280	253	533	16.7	—

- (b) **Still Births**—The number of Stillbirths was lower than in 1964. The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths for England and Wales was 15.8

The total number recorded in the combined Districts was 8, giving a Stillbirth rate of 14.8.

Districts	No. of Still-Births		
	1963	1964	1965
Ellesmere Urban .....	3	2	1
Wem Urban .....	1	—	1
Whitchurch Urban .....	2	2	—
Ellesmere Rural .....	1	2	4
Wem Rural .....	1	6	2
Total .....	8	12	8

- (c) **Illegitimate Births**—4.5% of all births during the year were illegitimate, compared with 5.8% in 1964 and 4.7% in 1963. 7.7% of all Births in England and Wales were illegitimate during 1965.

Districts	No. of Illegitimate Births		
	1963	1964	1965
Ellesmere Urban .....	1	3	4
Wem Urban .....	3	2	2
Whitchurch Urban .....	1	7	2
Ellesmere Rural .....	6	6	4
Wem Rural .....	14	13	12
Total .....	25	31	24

## DEATHS

- (a) **All Causes**

The number of deaths registered in the combined Districts during the year was 381, an increase of 14 on the 1964 figure.

By applying the area comparability factor, the corrected death rate can be compared with the crude death rate for England and Wales, which was 11.5.

Districts	No. of Deaths			Death Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Death Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban .....	15	9	24	10.1	9.1
Wem Urban .....	20	14	34	12.1	11.7
Whitchurch Urban .....	45	64	109	15.1	10.4
Ellesmere Rural .....	35	31	66	8.9	9.6
Wem Rural .....	82	66	148	12.2	11.3
Total .....	197	184	381	11.9	—



(b) **Infant Mortality**

There were 9 deaths in the first year of life, this being the same as the previous year.

The Infant Mortality Rate for the Combined Districts was 17.0 per 1,000 Live Births.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 19.0 per 1,000 Live Births.

(c) **Maternal Mortality**

No deaths attributable to childbirth, pregnancy, or abortion have been recorded during the year.



## CAUSES OF DEATH, 1965

CAUSE	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	—	—	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach .. ..	1	1	2	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	1	2	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast .. ..	—	—	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus .. ..	—	—	1	—	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	2	12	6	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia .. ..	—	1	1	—	1
Diabetes .. ..	—	—	—	2	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	7	3	22	7	26
Coronary disease, angina .. ..	3	14	14	9	20
Hypertension with heart disease .. ..	—	1	3	—	4
Other heart disease .. ..	2	3	31	16	23
Other circulatory disease .. ..	—	—	4	4	6
Influenza .. ..	—	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia .. ..	—	1	3	1	13
Bronchitis .. ..	2	1	2	3	3
Other diseases of the Respiratory system	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	—	—	—	2	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	—	—	—	2	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis .. ..	—	—	—	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate .. ..	—	1	—	—	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital malformations .. ..	—	2	—	1	9
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	2	1	11	3	14
Motor vehicle accidents .. ..	—	—	—	1	3
All other accidents .. ..	2	1	—	—	5
Suicide .. ..	1	—	—	1	1
Homicide and operations of war .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
All causes .. ..	24	34	109	66	148

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Notifiable Disease	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.	Total
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	2	60	6	29	157	254
Pneumonia	—	—	1	—	—	1
Scarlet Fever	—	21	1	2	9	33
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	1	—	—	1
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlatina	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	—	1	—	—	—	1
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	—	—	—	1	2
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	3	3
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid "B"	—	—	—	—	1	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN ANIMALS

A number of infectious diseases in animals including Salmonella infections, Tuberculosis and Anthrax were reported during the year. Fortunately, no outbreak in humans was traced to these infections.

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Vaccination against Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox and Tuberculosis, as well as Immunisation against Diptheria and Tetanus were carried out by General Practitioners, and by Clinic Doctors working in Local Health Authority Clinics and Schools in the area.

The County Medical Officer of Health has kindly supplied the numbers of each carried out in the various districts.

During the year, Quadruple vaccine (against diptheria, whooping cough, tetanus and polio) was available on prescription and was used by a few General Practitioners. Triple Antigen and Oral polio vaccine continued to be the most popular methods of immunising babies.

Figures inserted in brackets give 1964 totals for purposes of comparison.

### PRIMARY VACCINATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	[13] 19	[22] 12	[2] 2	[27] 20	[4] 5
General Practitioners	[43] 27	[68] 97	[63] 49	[89] 100	[58] 81
TOTALS	[56] 46	[90] 109	[65] 51	[116] 120	[62] 86

### PRIMARY IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	[14] 20	[25] 12	[2] 2	[37] 25	[6] 5
General Practitioners	[43] 37	[105] 112	[74] 49	[90] 104	[58] 82
TOTALS	[57] 57	[130] 124	[76] 51	[127] 129	[64] 87



RE-IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban		Ellesmere Rural		Wem Urban		Wem Rural		Whitchurch Urban	
County Council Medical Officers	[17]	50	[45]	90	[6]	8	[76]	55	[13]	57
General Practitioners	[5]	25	[74]	82	[90]	59	[94]	110	[54]	94
TOTALS	[22]	75	[119]	172	[96]	67	[170]	165	[67]	151

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

Personnel who received two injections of Salk or three doses of Sabin (Oral) Vaccine, or three injections of Quadrilin

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban		Ellesmere Rural		Wem Urban		Wem Rural		Whitchurch Urban	
County Council Medical Officers	(30)	19	(33)	35	(2)	10	(52)	44	(12)	22
General Practitioners	(39)	42	(85)	86	(68)	29	(141)	93	(74)	66
TOTALS	(69)	61	(118)	121	(70)	39	(193)	137	(86)	88

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

Personnel who received re-inforcing injections of Salk or fourth doses of Sabin (Oral) Vaccine

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban		Ellesmere Rural		Wem Urban		Wem Rural		Whitchurch Urban	
County Council Medical Officers	(8)	10	(19)	36	(—)	4	(43)	26	(21)	37
General Practitioners	(3)	33	(31)	36	(76)	30	(60)	79	(37)	87
TOTALS	(11)	43	(50)	72	(76)	34	(103)	105	(58)	124



## PRIMARY VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	[10] 12	[17] 18	[2] 3	[24] 34	[4] 10
General Practitioners	[37] 34	[71] 47	[54] 30	[69] 79	[39] 43
TOTALS	[47] 46	[88] 65	[56] 33	[93] 113	[43] 53

## RE-VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	(—) 2	(1) 6	(—) 3	(4) 8	(—) 1
General Practitioners	(—) —	(3) 3	(25) 10	(23) 7	(7) 5
TOTALS	(—) 2	(4) 9	(25) 13	(27) 15	(7) 6

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST TETANUS

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	[15] 43	[38] 45	[3] 7	[59] 45	[7] 24
General Practitioners	[43] 29	[138] 136	[74] 51	[110] 120	[71] 94
TOTALS	[58] 72	[176] 181	[77] 58	[169] 165	[78] 118

## RE-IMMUNISATION AGAINST TETANUS

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	(16) 22	(27) 55	(5) 14	(56) 92	(13) 41
General Practitioners	(6) 25	(79) 109	(92) 70	(96) 118	(58) 107
TOTALS	(22) 47	(106) 164	(97) 84	(152) 210	(71) 148

VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS—B.C.G.

From September, 1959, the Ministry of Health indicated that personnel in the 13–18 year groups were eligible for B.C.G. vaccination. The figures given below, for the year 1965, include those dealt with in that age group, together with those of the 13 year olds. The work was done by School Medical Officers at maintained and independent Schools in the area.

Comparative figures for 1964 are given in brackets.

Schools of the Undermentioned Areas	Number given Mantoux Test	Number of Positive Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Negative Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Persons who received B.C.G.
Ellesmere Urban and Ellesmere Rural	(129) 94	(10) 7	(114) 85	(112) 79
Wem Urban and Wem Rural	(85) 155	(9) 15	(72) 135	(69) 133
Whitchurch Urban	(85) 181	(13) 23	(72) 150	(72) 144

YELLOW FEVER

During the year 1960, the County Health Department, Shrewsbury, became a recognised centre for the administration of Yellow Fever vaccine. Sessions are normally held at 3.00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays in the month, or by special appointment in emergency. A fee of 14/- is charged to each person vaccinated.

CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS  
TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Physician attends at—  
**Whitchurch, Welfare Clinic, Deermoss Lane**, the first Friday in each month from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.  
**Copthorne Hospital**, every Tuesday from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.; every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Facilities for Treatment—Clinics.  
**Shrewsbury, No. 1, Belmont**. MEN: Tuesdays and Fridays, 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.  
WOMEN: Mondays, 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Thursdays, 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.



## HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS

Deermoss Hospital, Whitchurch.  
Ellesmere Cottage Hospital.  
Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

Cases of certain infectious diseases requiring hospital care are dealt with at Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury.

Sick children requiring hospital care used to be accommodated at Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury. Hospital accommodation for sick children is now provided at Copthorne; and the Monkmoor Hospital is now used for the rehabilitation and care of geriatric patients.

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the districts are :—  
The Cross Houses Hospital, Shrewsbury.  
The Royal Salop Infirmary.  
The Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.  
Shelton Hospital, Shrewsbury.  
Oswestry and District Hospital.

All these hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

In addition, the Maelor General Hospital and the War Memorial Hospital, both in Wrexham, receive patients from the Northern parts of the districts. These hospitals are administered by the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

## LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CLINICS

Under the National Health Service Act of 1946, the Salop County Council, as the Local Health Authority, became responsible for the administration of the following services, amongst others, within the County :—

### Care of Mothers and Young Children :

**Baschurch**—Secondary Modern School

Child Welfare and Immunisation	}	Tuesdays :—1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
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Medical Officer in attendance on the first Tuesday in every month.

**Ellesmere**—Brownlow Road

Ante-Natal Child Welfare and Immunisation	}	Tuesdays :—1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. First Tuesday in the month :—9.30 a.m.—12.00 noon
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Medical Officer in attendance first Tuesday in the month for both morning and afternoon sessions, on the third Tuesday afternoon in the month, and on the fifth afternoon in the month when there is a fifth Tuesday.

**Shawbury**—Parish Hall  
Child Welfare  
and } Tuesdays :—2.00 p.m.—4.30 p.m.  
Immunisation }  
Medical Officer in attendance on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

**Wem**—The Shrubbery  
Child Welfare  
and } Thursdays :—1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.  
Immunisation }  
Medical Officer in attendance on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

**Whitchurch**—Deermoss Lane  
Ante-Natal } Tuesdays :—2.15 p.m.—4.15 p.m.  
Child Welfare } Midwife and Health Visitor in attendance.  
and }  
Immunisation } Thursdays :—1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.  
Medical Officer in attendance on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Salop County Council, as the Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act, make provisions for securing that ambulances and other means of transport are available, where necessary, for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness and expectant or nursing mothers from places in their area to places in or outside their area. The Whitchurch Urban District Council afford valued help to the County Council in facilitating and administering the local Ambulance Depot there.

**LABORATORY FACILITIES**

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, the Director being Dr. Alun Jones. This service originally instituted as an emergency basis, is now a permanent unit at the Royal Salop Infirmary, undertaking work for Local Authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. This service is invaluable, particularly in the bacteriological examination of food samples in cases of suspected food poisoning.

**CHEST CLINICS, ETC.**

Chest Clinics, speech therapy clinics, and psychiatric out-patients clinics are held regularly at the Whitchurch Clinic. Patients are seen at these sessions by appointment, and are referred by the general practitioner, the hospital consultant or the school medical officer, as the case may be.

**DENTAL SESSIONS**

Dental sessions are held regularly at each of the three Local Authority clinics, at Ellesmere, Wem and Whitchurch, where patients are seen by appointment with the dental officer.

Ellesmere	.....	Brownlow Road
Wem	.....	The Shrubbery
Whitchurch	.....	Deermoss Lane



## **WELFARE FOODS**

Each of the Local Authority clinics is open at set times for the sale of these foods. Mothers attending the clinics are informed of these times and of any local variations there may be.

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 SECTION 47**

There was no need for compulsory removal of any of the cases investigated during the year.

## **DISABLED PERSONS EMPLOYMENT ACT, 1944**

Several children leaving school were referred by the School Medical Officers for appropriate training.

## **TRAINING CENTRES FOR SEVERELY SUB-NORMAL CHILDREN**

Classes for severely sub-normal children continued to be held on two days per week at Whitchurch Child Welfare Centre and on one day a week at Wem Clinic, up to five children attending each centre under the charge of Mrs. Haughton.

## **PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

During 1965 the Medical Officer of Health made several such examinations on behalf of the various district Councils.

## **MINIATURE MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY**

The regular visit of the Unit to Whitchurch was continued on the first Friday in every month. Attendances at all sessions were uniformly good. Several cases of pulmonary and cardiac disease previously unknown were brought to light.

## **DOMICILIARY HEALTH SERVICES**

During 1965, Home Helps were employed in the N.W. combined districts. They provided an invaluable service by enabling patients to remain at home during times of pregnancy and illness, and also by caring for the disabled and aged infirm.

## **BLOOD TRANSFUSION**

Blood donor sessions continued at Whitchurch, Wem, Ellesmere and Shawbury. Attendances increased in all areas.

## **HEALTH EDUCATION**

This is a continuous function of the Department. Posters regarding health matters are continuously displayed in the five districts, and positive efforts are being made by talks, demonstrations, etc., at clinics and other places in the districts. All five districts now subscribe independently to the Central Council for Health Education, which gives valuable help with health propaganda.

INFANT MORTALITY

DISTRICT	Under 1 day		1-7 days		7 days to 1 month		1-3 months		3-6 months		6-9 months		9-12 months		Total		Combined Total	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
ELLESMERE U.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEM U.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	35.7
WHITCHURCH U.D.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	9.9
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	14.4
ELLESMERE R.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	16.5
WEM R.D.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	19.6
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	6	18.5

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Districts				Deaths of infants under 1 month	Total infant deaths	Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	0	0	0
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	0	2	0
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	1	1	9.9
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	1	3	4.8
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	1	2	8.3
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	1	4	4.9
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	2	6	6.2

CANCER

Districts				Deaths		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
				M	F		
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	4	1	5	2.1
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	5	1	6	2.2
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	9	9	18	2.5
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	18	11	29	2.3
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	8	4	12	1.6
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	6	10	16	1.3
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	14	14	28	1.4



TUBERCULOSIS  
ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1965

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	-	-	-	1	-	1
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ..	..	..	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cured ..	..	..	1	1	-	-	1	1
Left District ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1965:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
3	-	1	2	4	2

Number of Primary Notifications in 1965—ONE.

WEM URBAN DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1965

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Cured ..	..	..	-	-	1	-	1	-
Left District ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1965:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
8	5	1	1	9	6

Number of Primary Notifications in 1965—ONE.

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1965

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cured ..	..	..	1	2	-	-	1	2
Left District ..	..	..	1	1	-	-	1	1
Deaths ..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1965:

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
16	12	11	2	27	14

Number of Primary Notifications in 1965—NONE.



ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1965

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS ..	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1
Cured ..	..	..	2	1	-	-	2	1
Left District ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths ..	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1

Number of cases on Register at end of 1965:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
7	5	3	2	10	7

Number of Primary Notifications in 1965—NONE.

WEM RURAL DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1965

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	-	-	-	1	-	1
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	4	1	-	-	4	1
TOTALS ..	..	..	4	1	-	1	4	2
Cured ..	..	..	5	1	3	1	8	2
Left District ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths ..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1965:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
16	12	3	3	19	15

Number of Primary Notifications in 1965—ONE.

**TUBERCULOSIS**  
**TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE COMBINED DISTRICTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR**

	Respiratory		Total	Non-respiratory		Total	Total of all Notifications
	M.	F.		M.	F.		
Ellesmere U.D. ..	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Wem U.D. ..	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Whitchurch U.D. ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS ..	1	-	1	-	1	1	2
Ellesmere R.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wem R.D. ..	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS ..	-	-	-	-	1	1	1

# ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

## CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1965

### Water Supply

The Urban District takes a bulk supply of chlorinated water from the Liverpool Corporation's Vyrnwy Aqueduct. All properties within the area are on this mains supply and supplies are afforded to the surrounding Rural District in various places. Samples taken during the year have all been of high quality and no problems have arisen in either quality or quantity of water.

No cases have occurred necessitating any precautions against plumbosolvency.

All of the 882 domestic premises in the district are supplied direct from the mains.

Amount consumed by Urban District ..... 32,130,000 gallons

There are no reservoirs in the District, all water being supplied direct to consumers under mains pressure. No further treatment is given.

### Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The major part of the town is sewered on a partially separate system to the Wharf Meadow Sewage Works where it is first received at the pumping station and after screening and passing through detritus tanks is delivered into compressed air ejectors and delivered to the the final purification and disposal section of the works. During the year it has been necessary for work to be carried out to improve the quality of the final effluent.

The Elson area of the town, part of Trimpley, also the greater part of the Council Housing Estates, are sewered on a combined system discharging into the Old Newnes Brook Works, which is a gravity flow system no pumping being involved, whilst part of the Council Housing Estates discharge on a partially separate system to the Newnes Brook Works where the settled effluents are raised by pumping before discharging on to the filters.

The Mereside area, which is below the Town main sewer level, is sewered to the Mereside No. 1 and Mereside No. 2 pumping stations, the soil sewage being delivered to the Church Street sewer on the main sewer system discharging to the Wharf Works.

A small area in the Swan Hill part of the town which is below the level of the main sewer is also under consideration for the installation of a collecting and pumping station similar to the Mereside No. 2 sewage receiving and pumping station which will, if installed, deliver to the Wharf Works.

The Council is considering a scheme to enlarge and improve the existing Wharf Meadow Works, to do away with the two other small sewage works and to take sewage from parts of Ellesmere Rural District.

There are still many houses in the town with no mechanical means of flushing their water closets.



Public Conveniences

Public Conveniences for both sexes are situated in the town at the sites listed below :

Cross Street .....	Both sexes	} Provided by Mere Joint Committee
Mereside .....	Both sexes	
Cremorne Gardens .....	Both sexes	
Cremorne Children's Playground .....	Both sexes (children only)	

Disinfections and Disinfestations

Council tips are regularly treated for flies, crickets and similar insect pests.

Stock vehicles using the Smithfield are required to wash and disinfect under Council staff supervision, and routine cleansing and disinfecting are carried out at the Smithfield and Mortuary.

Housing

Number of new houses built (Council) .....	8
Number of new houses built (Private) .....	12
Number of Improvement Grant Applications received, approved and completed .....	2
Number of unfit houses closed .....	3
Number of families on housing list .....	187
Number of houses reported for minor defects	17
Number of houses with minor defects remedied	15

Progress has been very slow on the erection of 50 Council houses, up to the end of the year only 8 houses were completed.

Whilst the Council encourages owners to improve their houses very few applications are made for improvement grants.

Food Hygiene

- 6 butchers shops.
- 6 premises complying with Reg. 16 (wash basin with hot and cold water).
- 6 premises to which Reg. 19 applies (sink with hot and cold water).
- 6 premises complying with Reg. 19.
- 31 cafes, restaurants, licensed premises, canteens and other food preparing premises.
- 31 premises complying with Reg. 16 (wash basin with hot and cold water).
- 30 premises to which Reg. 19 applies (sink with hot and cold water).
- 31 premises complying with Reg. 19.
- 17 grocers, green grocers and confectioners.
- 15 premises complying with Reg. 16 (wash basin with hot and cold water).
- 12 premises to which Reg. 19 applies (sink with hot and cold water).
- 12 premises complying with Reg. 19.
- 93 visits were made to these premises.

Two food preparing premises were closed by the occupiers rather than carry out the necessary improvements.

As a result of persuasion there has been considerable improvement in nearly all of the premises.

### Condemned Food

Foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human food and which had been surrendered for destruction were as follows :

Canned Meats .....	28 lb.
Canned Fruit .....	56 lb.
Other Foodstuffs .....	228 lb.

### Rodent Control

The duties are carried out by Council staff who treat all Council properties and sewers as routine. Domestic premises are treated free and business premises are charged for treatments.

Number of premises found infested with rats	16
Number of premises found infested with mice	1
Number of visits and revisits .....	229
Number of domestic premises treated free .....	14
The sewers are now virtually free of rats.	

### Refuse Collection and Salvage

The service is satisfactorily carried out by a contractor who makes a fortnightly collection over the whole district. A weekly collection would be more desirable.

Waste paper is collected, baled and sold, although prices at present are not economic.

### Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963

The number of premises registered during the year were 52 made up as follows : 14 offices, 33 retail shops, 5 catering establishments open to the public, canteens.

### Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Offices .....	68
Retail Shops .....	109
Wholesale departments, warehouses .....	3
Catering establishments open to the public .....	24
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Total	204
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Total males	83
Total females	121

32 registered premises have now been inspected, those not yet inspected are known to be small and having most, if not all, of the necessary facilities.

In most premises it was found that there was some contravention of the Act although it was usually only that a thermometer and first aid equipment were not provided.

A criticism of the Act is that premises where any number of relatives of the occupier are employed do not need to be registered and do not need to have the necessary facilities ; whereas, if one person, not being a relative of the employer, is employed, all the facilities have to be provided.



FACTORIES ACT, 1961

URBAN DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	15	19	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	3	3	—	—
TOTAL ..	18	22	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases "

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	4	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	3	4	—	—	—



WEM URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR, 1965

Water Supply

Water for domestic and trade purposes is supplied from the waterworks at Preston Brockhurst, the East Shropshire Water Board being the water authority for the district. It is proposed to chlorinate this supply in the near future. All samples taken for bacteriological analysis during the year proved to be satisfactory and the supply is ample in quantity.

Number of dwellings supplied directly from the mains .....	997
Number of Population supplied by water mains .....	2,800

Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the Urban district.

Housing

Five houses were closed and two demolished during 1965. 18 houses were constructed during the year by private enterprise and a further 59 are in process of erection. Three Improvement Grants were approved.

Drainage and Sewerage

The district is adequately sewered, apart from one outlying section. The sewage works, completed in 1960, is one of the most modern in the country.

Number of houses connected to public sewers .....	971
Number of houses with private sewage disposal arrangements .....	22
Number of houses without a watercloset .....	4

Public Conveniences

There are four Public Conveniences in the district, located in the Market Hall and on the Recreation Ground.

Moveable Dwellings

Three visits were made to the one licensed caravan site in Wem.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
Bakers .....	5	5	5	4
Butchers .....	5	5	5	4
Cafes and Restaurants .....	4	4	4	4
Confectioners .....	6	6	0	0
Fishmongers .....	1	1	1	1
Fried Fish Shops .....	2	2	2	2
Grocers .....	15	15	14	14
Ice Cream Premises .....	15	15	0	0
Public Houses .....	10	10	10	10

- (i) Number of Premises.
- (ii) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16.
- (iii) Number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies.
- (iv) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19.

66 visits were made to food premises during the year.

**Ice Cream**

All ice cream dealers serve pre-packed ice-cream.

**Disposal of Condemned Food**

The unfit food voluntarily surrendered during the year was disposed of at the refuse tip.

<b>Tins</b>	<b>Jars</b>	<b>Packets</b>
Fish 1 lb. 15 oz.	Pickled Walnuts :	Biscuits 1 lb. 12 oz.
Fruit 49 lbs. 8½ oz.	12 fl. oz.	Butter 3 lbs.
Meat 37 lbs. 4 oz.		Cheese 6 lbs. 8½ oz.
Milk 1 lb. 4½ oz.		Crisps 2 lbs. 12 oz.
Pudding 5 lbs. 3 oz.		Flour 2 lbs. 12 oz.
Stew 15½ oz.		Margarine 2 lbs. 8 oz.
		Salt 1 lb.
<b>Beef</b>	<b>Cheese</b>	
108 lbs. 8 oz.	9 lbs. 8 oz.	

**Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspection**

14 pigs were slaughtered in the one slaughterhouse in the area. There were no condemnations.

4 slaughtermen were licensed by the Council and 66 visits were made to the slaughterhouse and 5 butchers shops of the district.

**Infectious Diseases**

8 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases.

**Food Poisoning**

No cases of food poisoning were notified during 1965.

**Refuse Collection and Disposal**

Collection and disposal of refuse is carried out weekly by direct labour. Two tips are in use ; a temporary site at Palms Hill, and the new tip at Sleep. The increase in the number of dwelling houses in Wem and sickness have considerably strained the service during 1965.

**Nuisances**

72 visits were made in connection with housing defects, blocked drains and flooding.

**Verminous Premises**

A number of complaints were received concerning infestations of ants and hover flies ; these were dealt with satisfactorily.

**Pet Animals Act, 1951**

There are no longer any Pet Shops in the Urban District.

**Petroleum**

The total number of petrol tanks now on the register is 14. Two existing tanks were tested during the year and were found to be satisfactory.

9 visits were made in connection with the Petroleum Regulations.

**Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963**

The general inspections made under this Act may be summarised as follows :

	No. of registered premises	No. receiving a general inspection
Offices .....	9	8
Retail Shops .....	30	17
Warehouses .....	1	1
Catering Establishments .....	6	2

63 visits were made during 1965.

Photometer readings were taken at several offices and shops and the results were submitted in a report on lighting standards to the Ministry of Labour.

**Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949**

Inspections were carried out as follows :

Number of properties inspected .....	150
(a) Council properties .....	9
(b) Dwelling Houses .....	64
(c) Agricultural premises .....	10
(d) Other premises, including business and industrial .....	67
Number of properties found to be infested with rats (including Council property) .....	49
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act .....	0
Number of properties cleared of rats (including Council property) .....	42
Number of premises where rodent control was in progress by occupiers at the end of the year .....	7

I am grateful to Mr. W. H. Purslow for his able assistance during the year.



WEM URBAN DISTRICT

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

URBAN DISTRICT OF WEM IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

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Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	3	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	24	32	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	4	—	—
TOTAL ..	31	38	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	2	2	—	—	—

**WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1965**  
**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS AND**  
**OF NOTICES SERVED DURING 1965**

NATURE OF INSPECTION	No. of visits
<b>General Sanitation :</b>	
Water supply and sampling .....	—
Drainage .....	19
Tents, vans and sheds .....	—
Factories .....	13
Theatres and other places of entertainment .....	6
Refuse Collection and Disposal .....	17
Rodent Control .....	11
Pet Shops .....	2
Miscellaneous sanitary visits .....	49
<b>Under Public Health Act, 1936 :</b>	
Number of houses inspected .....	33
Number of re-visits .....	52
<b>Under Housing and Rent Acts :</b>	
Number of houses inspected .....	12
Number of re-visits .....	2
<b>Under the Clean Air Acts, 1956 :</b>	
Number of premises visited .....	4
Number of smoke observations made .....	—
<b>Council Houses :</b>	
Number of visits .....	8
Number of Council House applicants visited .....	—
<b>Infectious Diseases :</b>	
Enquiries .....	—
Visits .....	2
Disinfections .....	—
<b>Meat and Food Inspection and Food Premises :</b>	
Inspection of Meat at Slaughterhouse .....	346
<b>Premises Inspected :</b>	
Butchers, shops and stalls .....	16
Fishmongers and Poulterers .....	8
Grocers .....	53
Greengrocers .....	4
Ice Cream Premises .....	18
Restaurants and Dining Rooms .....	9
Fried Fish Shops .....	16
Bakehouses .....	9
Weekly Produce Market .....	42



PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S NOTICES SERVED

Under Public Health Act, 1936 :

Informal Notices served .....	18
Complied .....	18
Formal Notices served .....	—

Under Food and Drugs Act, 1955—Section 13 :

Informal Notices served .....	8
Complied .....	8

RAINFALL

The total rainfall for the year was 32.04 inches as compared with 21.04 inches for 1964, as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch.

The wettest month was September with 5.11 inches and the driest month was February with 0.39 inches. The maximum rainfall in 24 hours was 1.55 inches on 8th September, 1965.

TEMPERATURE

The average temperatures for the year in degrees fahrenheit as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch, were as follows :

	1963	1964	1965
January .....	25.5	37.5	36.6
February .....	30.5	39.2	37.1
March .....	43.0	39.0	41.5
April .....	47.5	46.3	45.5
May .....	52.0	56.5	53.0
June .....	58.5	56.5	58.3
July .....	59.5	59.6	57.7
August .....	57.5	60.0	58.0
September .....	54.5	55.5	53.0
October .....	50.5	46.1	50.5
November .....	44.5	43.2	38.4
December .....	36.0	35.8	40.0
Average temperature for the year .....	46.6	47.9	47.5

The maximum temperature recorded was 79 deg. F., 26 deg. C., on 12th August, 1965, and the minimum was 11 deg. F., —12 deg. C., on the 2nd March, 1965.

WATER SUPPLY

During the year two complaints were received regarding foreign bodies found in the domestic water supply. A report was submitted to the East Shropshire Water Board for their attention.

SWIMMING BATHS

Following completion of decoration, minor repairs to doors and windows, and general maintenance work has been carried out.

The water from the town mains is treated by filtration and chlorination and the turn-over period is 4½ hours.

It is anticipated that a scheme for structural improvements to the cubicles will be carried out as soon as possible, and also minor repairs to the heating apparatus.



The attendances during 1965 were 38,173 as against 1964 of 35,153.

Attendances were as follows :

	1962	1963	1964	1965
Schools .....	18,145	18,481	18,153	19,356
Slipper Baths .....	253	380	282	264
Youth Clubs .....	252	246	238	1,034
Other Attendances .....	14,152	12,561	16,480	17,519

### SEWAGE WORKS

A scheme for the proposed extension to the existing Sewage Works is being prepared and progress is well under way towards submitting full details of design and specification to the Ministry of Housing & Local Government. The proposed extension is based on the contact stabilization process, and will be capable of treating 188,000 D.W.F. gallons p.d. of effluent.

This scheme utilising a prefabricated Contact Stabilisation process incorporates the injection of compressed air into sewage that has passed through a comminutor for breaking up solids. The sludge drying beds are to be extended to a further 8 in number together with new Equipment House. The River Board standard is now better than the Royal Commission Standard and it is hoped that this new requirement will be met. Close liaison is being maintained with the River Authority on this project, which is the first in any Local Authority in the British Isles.

### HOUSING ACT, 1957

During the year 6 flats were erected and completed, and work was commenced to 14 semi-detached bungalows.

During the year the following number of houses were inspected and closed :

Houses inspected .....	8
Houses closed .....	6
Houses demolished .....	6

There were 97 housing applications received during the year. This brings the total up now to 163.

### HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

During the year there were 4 applications received for Standard Grants and 5 Discretionary Grants.

A preliminary survey has been carried out under the Housing Act 1964 for the compulsory improvement of houses lacking bathrooms. A report and resolution has yet to be accepted and approved by the Urban District Council. Again mention has to be made of the disappointing number of applications made for improvement grants.

### RODENT CONTROL

The following number of Surveys and Treatments were carried out during the year :

	Surveys	Treatments
Council Properties .....	69	47
Business Premises .....	152	34
Dwelling Houses .....	47	18

All work to business premises is carried out by contract and it is pleasing to note that most food premises avail themselves of this service.

### DISINFESTATION

It has been necessary to completely renew the bedroom floors to five Council Houses which were severely affected with woodworm infestation.

### DISINFECTION

All books prior to return to the Public Library from households where there had been a case of infectious disease, were disinfected in the fumigator.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse is collected on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and a fortnightly collection is made at Grindley Brook, Broughall, Hinton Bank and Redbrook. There is a special collection for waste paper salvage on a Tuesday and this service to the tradespeople appears to be working satisfactorily.

The scale of charges for the collection of trade waste is as follows :

£2 12s. 0d. per dustbin per annum and each trade premise establishment is allowed 1 free dustbin in addition. All refuse is disposed of at the Tarporley Road refuse tip, which is suitably controlled. I am pleased to report that no complaints were received during the year.

### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Works were completed to the newly erected sanitary conveniences at the White Lion Bus Station and Car Park. During the year several repairs have been carried out to the Public Conveniences in the Town following damage resulting from vandalism.

### CLEAN AIR ACT

No complaints were received regarding the emission of smoke nuisance during the year.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Extensive flooding occurred to the Barlows Meadows which was due to the obstructed flow in the culvert under Wrexham Road and also through the Jubilee Park. It was necessary to engage a dragline in order to excavate the culvert to a greater depth, to obviate any offensiveness being created by stagnant water, retained on land formerly used for tipping household refuse.

The construction of a new manhole was necessary on the sewer serving Waymills, Wayland Road area.

Owing to the frequent number of blockages in the length of sewer at the rear of Rydal Avenue, the obstruction was caused by the penetrating of tree roots into the sewer, which gave rise to sewage being discharged via the storm overflows into the brook.

### OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following registrations were made during the year :

Offices	1	Retail Shops	4	Wholesale Shops	2
Catering Establishment	1			Fuel Storage Depots	2

The above mentioned premises employ 578 males and 376 females.

There were no notifications of accidents during the year.

### PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

There are two places of entertainment and the sanitary accommodation has to be continually observed to obtain the necessary standards.



**PETROLEUM**

There were 33 premises licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in this district.

**SMITHFIELD**

The Smithfield is now used on Fridays only. Auctions are held alternatively by two local Auctioneers. Following markets extensive disinfection is carried out by the Council's Workmen, and washing bays are provided and supervised by the Urban District.

A new washing down bay was commenced, and completed; part of roadway resurfaced and a new boundary wall built.

**SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933 and 1958**

7 persons applied for renewal of their slaughterman's licence, and 1 application was received for a new Licence.

**PUBLIC ABATTOIR**

There were no notifiable outbreaks of animal diseases during the year. 100% Meat Inspection is carried out daily at this Abattoir from Monday to Saturday, and every effort is made to ensure the maximum standard of hygiene is maintained.

The small lairages were reconstructed at the beginning of the year and in addition, a new car park and an improved access was formed to the rear of the abattoir.

**BOARDING OF ANIMALS ACT, 1960**

There are no premises registered under the Boarding of Animals Act within the Urban District.

**AGRICULTURAL SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS ACT, 1956**

The Urban District Council is the Authority for the enforcement of the provision of the above-mentioned Act.

**FOOD & DRUGS ACT**

Improvements continue generally to all foodshops and it might be mentioned that some difficulty has arisen due to the Office and Shops Act requiring temperatures to be maintained at a minimum of 60.8°F in the food stores and its deleterious effects on foodstuffs exposed "for immediate sale." It is a requirement of the Food Hygiene Regulation Part 4, Regulation 25, (2) Food which is brought into any food premises on or from which is carried on a food business consisting wholly or partly of the supply of food for immediate consumption shall, unless exposed for sale, without any avoidable delay after arrival either be brought to a temperature of not less than 145°F or, unless it is already at a temperature below 50°F, be brought to a temperature below 50°F.

A warning was given to one food shop because of the excessive heat directly over a meat cutting block, and although the dangers are appreciated by the food trade, at present there is difficulty in enforcing compliance.

The question of dogs being allowed into Food Premises has been for some time a long standing concern. Unfortunately, the public will persist in this most objectionable habit of frequenting food premises with dogs which are some times uncontrolled and are allowed to defecate on to the streets causing nuisance and attraction to flies. Attempts are to be made to persuade food shop proprietors to discourage the public from frequenting food shops accompanied by dogs.



The Market Hall requires complete reorganisation for the arrangement of stall holders, and it is proposed that urgent consideration is given to re-siting of food stalls in order to reduce their exposure to contamination by dust.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT

During the year two applications were received for registration under Section 1 of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963  
TABLE A—Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices .....	1	27	11
Retail Shops .....	4	95	29
Wholesale Shops, warehouses .....	2	2	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens .....	1	18	6
Fuel Storage Depots .....	2	2	—
TOTALS	10	144	46

TABLE B—Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises: 46

TABLE C—Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Work-place

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons employed
Offices .....	225
Retail Shops .....	575
Wholesale departments, warehouses .....	9
Catering establishments open to the public .....	136
Canteens .....	2
Fuel storage depots .....	7
TOTAL	954
Total Males	578
Total Females	376

INSPECTION OF MEAT

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .. .. .	1,075	1,055	450	6,240	4,092
Number inspected .. .. .	1,075	1,055	450	6,240	4,092
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCOSIS:					
Whole carcasses condemned .. .. .	5	62	56	67	160
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .. .. .	532	1,329	94	490	1,049
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis .. .. .	49.48%	125.97%	20.88%	7.85%	25.63%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:					
Whole carcasses condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—	43
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1.402%
CYSTICERCOSIS ONLY:					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .. .. .	2	3	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration .. .. .	2	3	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—

77,981 lbs. of Meat and 25,881 lbs. of Offal were condemned.

**FACTORIES ACT, 1961**  
**URBAN DISTRICT OF WHITCHURCH IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE**  
Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961  
**PART I OF THE ACT**

**1.—INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	7	15	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority .. .. .	64	22	4	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	71	37	4	—

**2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND**  
If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	5	5	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	7	7	—	—	—



**ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT**  
**CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1965**

**Water Supply.**

The Council's duties as a water undertaking were taken over by the West Shropshire Water Board on 1st April, 1965.

The Northern Area Scheme providing mains water to those northern parts of the district which were not provided with mains supplies was nearing completion at the end of the year. In addition to this work, some small extensions to existing mains were carried out and it is hoped that there will be further extensions during 1966.

**Number of Bacteriological Samples From :**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1. Public mains supplies .....	11	11*
2. Private mains supplies .....	1	3
3. Wells, streams, pumps, etc. ....	6	14
* From new mains extensions.		

No chemical analyses were carried out.

The water supply throughout the whole area has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

There were no cases in which plumbo solvency occurred and, therefore, no special action was required.

There was some slight contamination of supplies to three small Council estates but the mains were extended to these properties and the use of the old supplies discontinued.

In other instances of pollution of private supplies it was usually possible for the mains to be extended to the properties concerned. In other cases where it was not possible to take a mains supply the wells were chlorinated and works carried out to prevent contamination and the results were satisfactory in all cases.

**Details of Domestic Premises and Population supplied by Public Mains.**

(1) DIRECT TO HOUSES.		Population	
Parish	No. of Houses	(est.)	
Baschurch .....	268	1,072	
Cockshutt .....	62	248	
Ellesmere Rural .....	426	1,704	
Great Ness .....	135	540	
Hordley .....	15	60	
Little Ness .....	41	164	
Myddle .....	249	996	
Petton .....	12	48	
Welshampton .....	155	620	
Totals .....	1,363	5,452	

**Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.**

There are no sewers in the district and schemes are urgently required in all villages, particularly in the Dudleston Heath Ward, where there is considerable pollution of the ditches and where the land is low lying and waterlogged with little chance of a septic tank and soakaway working properly. Mains water has been available in the Dudleston Heath Ward for at least 40 years and the time is well overdue for a sewerage scheme in this area.

The Consulting Engineers were instructed three years ago to prepare schemes for Myddle, Baschurch and Nesscliffe, but there have been many unavoidable delays in preparing the first two schemes because of objections to the proposed sites of the sewage works. Suitable sites for the Myddle and Baschurch works have now been found. At Nesscliffe the sewage works which were installed for a now mainly disused army camp are to be purchased for use in the new scheme for this area.

For the Dudleston Heath area it is probable that the sewers will be brought to the Ellesmere Urban District's sewage works, soon to be modernised and enlarged.

The Council's Engineer and Surveyor is preparing a scheme for the Parish of Cockshutt but there has also been delay here over the acquisition of a site for the sewage works.

**Housing.**

Number of visits under Housing Acts and Public Health Acts .....	734
Number of notices served .....	76
Number remedied by informal action .....	61
Number of houses demolished .....	1
Number of houses closed .....	1
Number of undertakings accepted .....	4

**Slum Clearance.**

This work continues to be restricted to individual unfit houses as there are no large areas of unfit houses.

There are 139 applicants for council houses but many of these are persons living outside the Rural District.

78 new Council dwellings have now been completed and this had considerably eased the housing situation for the younger families but there are still many old people living under poor conditions and who are reluctant to move to new expensive accommodation.

During 1966 it is expected that work will start on the erection of 40 dwellings, including 18 old persons dwellings.

**Improvement Grant Scheme.**

The Council continues to encourage applications for grants towards the cost of improving houses.

**Discretionary Grants.**

15 applications were received and approved concerning 6 owner occupied houses and 9 other houses usually for occupation by farm workers.



**Standard Grants.**

20 applications were received and approved.

**Refuse Collection and Disposal.**

A fortnightly collection of refuse is carried out throughout the district.

Most of the refuse is now tipped at the Ellesmere Urban District Council's tip.

**Rodent Control.**

This work is carried out by a full time operator and consists mostly of contract work at agricultural premises. No charge is made for treatments to domestic premises.

Number of premises under contract .....	48
Number of premises inspected .....	848
Number of premises infested .....	86
Number of premises treated by Council .....	86
Number of domestic premises treated (no charge)	26
No evidence of Warfarin Resistant rats has been found.	

**Petroleum Spirit Licensing.**

Number of licensed premises .....	68
Number of new licenses .....	2
Number of visits to premises .....	15
Number of licenses discontinued .....	0
Number of licenses refused .....	0

44 of the premises are farms with the farmers using the petrol for their own purposes and not for re-sale.

**Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.**

5 butchers shops.

5 premises complying with Reg. 16 (wash basin with hot and cold water).

5 premises to which Reg. 19 applies (sink with hot and cold water).

5 premises complying with Reg. 19.

32 cafes, restaurants, licensed premises, canteens and other food preparing premises.

32 premises complying with Reg. 16 (wash basin with hot and cold water).

32 premises to which Reg. 19 applies (sink with hot and cold water).

32 premises complying with Reg. 19.

22 grocers and green grocers.

22 premises complying with Reg. 16 (wash basin with hot and cold water).

3 premises to which Reg. 19 applies (sink with hot and cold water).

22 premises complying with Reg. 19.

174 visits have been paid to these premises and there has been a considerable improvement in them.

**Schools.**

A survey was carried out of the sanitary accommodation, washing facilities and kitchens provided at schools in the district.



It was found that very poor facilities were provided at four of the schools and representations were made to the County Council asking that facilities be improved.

Meat Inspection and Slaughterhouses.

There are two slaughterhouses in the district. One is a large factory abattoir which requires the full time services of a meat inspector, who at times requires assistance. The other is a small slaughterhouse, run in conjunction with a country butchery business, which requires attendance twice weekly.

100% inspection of carcasses and offal is carried out although this has entailed some overtime working but not as much as previous years.

The large number of carcasses condemned is accounted for by the fact that one slaughterhouse is a centre for casualties and reactors from a large part of Shropshire, Herefordshire, Cheshire and North Wales.

The following is a table showing the results of a survey carried out from March 1st to August 31st on all casualties admitted to the larger slaughterhouse.

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL								
	Bovines		Pigs		Sheep		Calves	
	Con-	Passed	Con-	Passed	Con-	Passed	Con-	Passed
	demned		demned		demned		demned	
Abnormalities .....	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Actinobacillosis .....	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anaemia .....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Blackquarter .....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bracken Poisoning .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blindness .....	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Blown .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Calving Cases .....	—	8	—	—	—	5	—	—
Disease Unknown .....	—	37	—	18	—	9	—	12
Emaciation (Pathological) .....	3	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
Emaciation .....	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Fever (Unknown Origin) .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haemoglobinaemia .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hyperaemia .....	12	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Immaturity .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Injuries .....	4	65	1	20	—	7	—	2
Jaundice .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Johnes Disease .....	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leukaemia .....	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Catarrhal Fever .....	—	2	(reported by Veterinary Surgeon but not confirmed by Lab.)					
Mastitis .....	4	24	—	1	1	2	—	—
Metritis—Acute Septic .....	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Mineral Deficiency .....	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—
Multiple Abscesses .....	—	—	2	6	2	—	—	—
Nephritis .....	—	11	—	1	—	—	—	2
Odour Abnormal .....	10	2	1	—	—	—	1	—
Osteohaematochromatosis .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oedema .....	36	—	9	—	8	—	5	—
Parasites .....	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—
Pericarditis—Acute Septic .....	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Simple .....	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peritonitis—Acute Septic .....	7	—	3	—	—	—	1	—
Simple .....	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—
Pleurisy—Acute Septic .....	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—

**Meat Inspection and Slaughterhouses—Continued.**

	Bovines		Pigs		Sheep		Calves	
	Con-	Passed	Con-	Passed	Con-	Passed	Con-	Passed
	demned		demned		demned		demned	
Pneumonia—Acute Septic	3	—	2	—	2	—	6	—
Simple .....	—	8	—	5	—	—	—	2
Pyæmia .....	2	—	1	—	3	—	6	—
Redwater .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ruptures .....	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Scouring .....	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1
Septicæmia .....	13	—	3	—	2	—	13	—
Swine Erysipelas .....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis (Reactors) .....	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis .....	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—
Tumours .....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Twisted Gut .....	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3

The table at the end of the report shows the slaughtering figures for the year.

**Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963.**

The Number of premises registered during the year were 22, made up as follows : 5 offices, 13 retail shops, 1 wholesale shop or warehouse and 3 catering establishments open to the public, canteens. All of these premises have now been inspected.

**Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.**

Offices .....	52
Retail Shops .....	28
Wholesale departments, warehouses .....	4
Catering establishments open to the public .....	5
Canteens .....	24
Fuel storage depots .....	—
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Total	113
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Total Males	65
Total Females	48

Standards in most premises were good but occupiers of 4 registered premises were asked to make safe dangerous stair cases and were asked to provide guards to dangerous machinery.

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ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

Factories Act, 1961

RURAL DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	38	52	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	24	38	2	—
TOTAL ..	62	90	4	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	4	2	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	12	14	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	17	17	—	—	—



MEAT INSPECTION  
CARCASSES INSPECTED and REJECTED

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	7,020	285	4,653	6,094
Number inspected	7,020	285	4,653	6,094
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS :				
Whole carcasses condemned	351	156	111	110
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3,776	19	496	3987
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	58.8%	61.4%	13%	67.2%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY :				
Whole carcasses condemned	3	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	21	0	0	343
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.34%	0	0	5.6%
CYSTICERCOSIS :				
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	35 (0.59%)	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by Refrigeration	7	0	0	0
Carcases totally condemned	0	0	0	0

**WEM RURAL DISTRICT**

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**Water Supply.**

The East Shropshire Water Board is the water authority for the district. Approximately 40% of the Wem Rural District is supplied with mains water from the following sources which vary in quality :

- Prees Waterworks (Prees Village)
- Higher Heath Waterworks (Higher Heath and Prees Heath areas of Prees Parish)
- Acton Reynald Estate Supply (Preston Brockhurst and Grinshill)
- Duchy of Lancaster Estate Supply (Ash Village in Whitchurch Rural Parish)
- Meadowfield Farm Supply (Clive Village)
- Hardwick Estate Supply (Hadnall, Sansaw and Grinshill)
- Harcourt Estate Supply (Stanton Village)
- Hadnall Supply (Hadnall Village)
- Burlton Supply (Burlton Village)
- Weston Supply (Part of Weston Parish)
- Former Wem U.D. Supply (Hamlets of Aston, Barkers Green and Tilley in Wem Rural Parish, Bridleway Gate in Morton Corbet Parish)

A piped supply for Loppington Village will be available soon.

The Higher Heath Supply is chlorinated.

The Water Board will eventually provide a comprehensive supply to the whole area from the new bore at Moston.

The present water supply situation is unsatisfactory, as some 60% of the properties rely on private bores or shallow wells of doubtful purity. In one area the quality available is insufficient.

The following bacteriological samples were taken from piped supplies to villages :

		No. of Coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli per 100 ml.
Weston Supply .....	17.5.65	0	0
Duchy of Lancaster Supply .....	28.6.65	18+	0
Duchy of Lancaster Supply .....	28.6.65	18+	0
Prees Supply .....	4.10.65	0	0
Higher Heath Supply .....	4.10.65	0	0
Acton Reynald Supply .....	4.10.65	6	0
Meadowfield Supply .....	4.10.65	2	0
Harcourt Supply .....	13.10.65	25	0
Hardwick Supply .....	13.10.65	1	0
Duchy of Lancaster Supply .....	13.12.65	0	0
Duchy of Lancaster Supply .....	13.12.65	0	0
Meadowfield Supply .....	13.12.65	18+	0
Hardwick Supply .....	13.12.65	2	0
Meadowfield Supply .....	20.12.65	18+	Present
Meadowfield Supply .....	20.12.65	18+	Present

One satisfactory chemical sample was taken from the Weston Supply. A total of 57 bacteriological samples were taken from private bores and wells; of these 17 proved to be satisfactory and 40 unsatisfactory.



No information is available on the flouride content in the local supplies, and no example of plumbo-solvency have come to light. Where contamination has been discovered, the owner of the well has been required to clean it out, and the users advised to boil the water before drinking it.

### Swimming Baths.

Only one of the two open-air swimming pools in the district was in use during the year. Regular chlorination takes place and the water is changed at weekly intervals. Two samples were taken; one proved satisfactory, one unsatisfactory.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

New sewers have been completed at Prees and Hadnall, and work has begun on the sewerage of Shawbury, Clive, Yorton, Preston Brockhurst and Grinshill. 683 visits were made in connection with new sewers. Further schemes have been prepared for Loppington, Ash, Prees Heath and Tilstock.

### Public Conveniences.

Work on a new public convenience at Prees Heath should commence early in 1966.

### Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in the area.

### Housing.

The Housing Survey, commenced in June 1963, was completed during the year, and all properties in the Rural District have now been inspected and arranged in the following categories :

- (i) Houses fit for habitation or with minor defects only.
- (ii) Houses requiring structural alteration or repair.
- (iii) Houses requiring re-conditioning.
- (iv) Houses requiring demolition or closure.

A total of 118 houses were considered to fall within the last category and a further 130 were in need of re-conditioning. Of the 118 unfit properties, 71 have been improved, closed or demolished since the survey began.

Many property owners are awaiting the provision of piped water and a public sewer before re-conditioning their houses, and the completion of the proposed water and drainage schemes will no doubt accelerate house improvements in the area.

### Improvement Grant Scheme.

	Received	Approved	Rejected
Discretionary Grants			
Number of applications .....	19	19	—
Number of dwellings .....	24	24	—
Standard Grants .....	27	27	—

### Moveable Dwellings.

Number of site licences at the end of 1965 .....	29
Number of inspections carried out .....	165

Much nuisance has been caused by temporary caravan-dwellers on Prees Heath and an Order has been made forbidding the use of the Heath as a caravan site.



Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
Bakers .....	1	1	1	1
Butchers .....	2	2	2	2
Cafes .....	18	18	18	18
Confectioners .....	2	2	1	1
Dairies .....	2	2	2	2
Fishmongers .....	0	0	0	0
Fried Fish Shops .....	1	1	1	1
Grocers .....	23	19	10	8
Ice Cream Premises .....	34	34	0	0
Public Houses .....	20	20	20	17

- (i) Number of premises.
  - (ii) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16.
  - (iii) Number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies.
  - (iv) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19.
- 81 visits were made to food premises.

Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspection.

One slaughterhouse and one slaughterman were licensed at the end of the year. 76 visits were made to the slaughterhouse and 2 butchers shops in the area.

I am again grateful for the assistance of Mr. W. H. Purslow, who carried out meat inspection duties during holiday periods.

Carcases Inspected	Cattle ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed .....	50	—	—	229	122	—
Number inspected.....	50	—	—	229	122	—
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	1	—	—	—	2	—
Percentage of number inspected infected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticercosis .....	2.0	—	—	—	1.7	—
<b>Tuberculosis only</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis Cysticercosis .....	—	—	—	—	0.82	—

19½ lbs. of meat and offal were condemned.

Infectious Diseases.

A total of 28 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases.

Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning were confirmed during 1965.

Nuisances.

Complaints of nuisance received during the year concerned housing defects, blocked drains and the spraying of hen manure. 161 visits were made and three Statutory Notices were served.

Two derelict cars were removed to the refuse tip.

**Verminous Premises.**

Three wasps nests were dealt with during the year.

**Refuse Collection.**

The removal of household refuse is carried out by contract, some 2,700 properties being served every fortnight. Tipping is carried on at Sleaf, Grinshill and Northwood. The new excavator has proved most useful in controlling refuse disposal.

A 15 cwt. refuse vehicle, purchased during the year, is employed on clearing lay-bys on the main roads and on refuse collection from outlying areas.

751 visits were made in connection with refuse matters.

**Petroleum.**

3 new petrol tanks were tested and licensed in 1965 and the total number registered is now 92. 25 visits were made in connection with the Petroleum Regulations.

**Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.**

The following inspections were made during the year :

	No. of registered premises	No. receiving a general inspection
Offices .....	7	6
Retail Shops .....	17	12
Warehouses .....	1	1
Catering Establishments .....	13	9

67 visits were carried out.

**Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.**

The following summarises the work carried out under this Act by all members of the Staff :

Annual Contracts .....	59
Single Treatments .....	6
Domestic Premises treated (free of charge) .....	30
Number of properties inspected .....	1,261
(a) Council properties .....	22
(b) Dwelling houses .....	181
(c) Agricultural premises .....	801
(d) Other premises, including business and industrial .....	257
Number of properties found to be infested with rats .....	307
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act .....	0
Number of premises where rodent control was in progress by the occupiers at the end of 1965 .....	21
Number of properties cleared of rats .....	286

Mr. Brayne, our rodent operator, carried out his duties in his usual efficient manner.



FACTORIES ACT, 1961  
 RURAL DISTRICT OF WEM IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE  
 Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	3	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	37	53	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	6	4	—	—
TOTAL ..	46	58	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND  
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective ..	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	2	2	—	—	—





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